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To To Whom it May Concern

From Shanna Moosman

CC Rick Black, File

Date 5/14/03

RE Central Utah Rail Project

Native American Coordination

The purpose of this memo is to summarize the efforts put forth to coordinate with, and gather information from, several Native American tribes. All pertinent correspondence including faxes, letters, email, and telephone records are attached to this memo.

The point of contact for each tribe was sent a letter requesting their attendance at a meeting to be held on May 21, 2003. Those who did not respond to the invitation were called during the week to May 12. The telephone records are attached.

In addition, each tribal representative was invited by telephone to a project tour drive through. The project tour is scheduled for May 20 (the itinerary is attached). Phil Pikyavit requested a copy of the project tour itinerary, and this information was faxed to him on May 14. Chet Mills requested additional information prior to committing to the meeting. Mr. Mills' invitation letter, a project summary letter, and the project tour itinerary were faxed to him on May 14.

HDR Engineering, Inc.

Central Utah Rail Project

Telephone Record

Information conveyed: I am calling on behalf of the Surface Transportation Board regarding the Central Utah Rail Project. You should have received a notice about the meeting being held next Wednesday. In addition, we are conducting a project tour drive through. The drive through will start at 7 am and finish at about 8:30 pm on Tuesday, May 20th. I'd like to invite you to attend the drive through. Are you interested in attending? Do you have an e-mail address that I could send project information, and a meeting agenda to?

Thanks for you time, and we appreciate your comments as this project progresses.

DATE	NAME	PHONE	DISCUSSION
5/13/2003	Chet Mills	435-722-4300	He requested more info., which was then faxed to him.
5/14/2003	Betsy Chapoose	435-722-4992	Unable to attend.
5/15/2003	Cindy Charles	435-586-1112	She will be out of town, but will attend the meeting on May 21.
5/16/2003	Leigh Kuwanwisiwma	520-734-2441	Wrong number. Checking for other phone numbers, and contact info.
5/17/2003	Phil Pikyavit	435-759-9110	He is interested in attending, but has not confirmed yet. I faxed the itinerary to him.
5/18/2003	Gail Rollo	435-586-1112	Unable to attend.
5/19/2003	Lora Tom	435-586-1112	Unable to attend.



Project	Central Utah Rail	Project No.	
Time	6:45 pm	Date	5/14/03
Call to	Shanna Moosman	Phone No.	801-281-8892
Call from	Joel Berwick	Phone No.	970-248-6000

Discussion, Agreement and/or Action

Mr. Berwick stated that he would not be attending the meeting on May 21, and that the US Department of Energy did not have any issues with the project, nor did they have any jurisdiction. Therefore, he did not need to be on the mailing list.

Shanna Moosman



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Date: 4-24-2003

Number of pages (include cover): 4

Message To

Name: Wayne Norwall

Fax No: 602.379.4413

Firm: Regional Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs

Phone No:

City: Phoenix

State: AZ

Re: Written response requested by May 2, 2003

Project: Finance Docket No. 34075, Six
County Association of
Governments - Construction and
Operation - Rail line between
Levan and Salina, Utah.

Message From:

Name: Kris Gruwell

Fax No: 801.281.8693

CC:

Phone No: 801.281.8892

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Notes:

This is a copy of the letter sent to your office on April 1, 2003. If you have any concerns you wish to comment on, please submit them by Friday May 2, 2003.

Thank you.



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Fax

Date: 5/14/03

Number of pages (include cover): 2

Message To

Name: Phil Pikyavit

Fax No: 435-759-9103

Firm: Kanosh Bank, Southern Paiute Tribe

Phone No: 435-759-9110

City: Kanosh

State: UT

Re: Project Tour

Project: Central Utah Rail Project

Message From:

Name: Shanna Moosman

Fax No: 801-281-8693

CC: File, Rick Black

Phone No: 801-281-8892

Notes:

Phil,

Attached is the project tour itinerary. The tour will take place on Tuesday, May 20. Unfortunately, we are unable to provide attendees with monetary compensation. Please let me know if you are interested and able to attend. If you have comments or questions regarding the project, please contact Rick Black at 281-8892. Thanks for you interest in the project.

Sincerely,

Shanna Moosman

HDR Engineering, Inc.
3995 S. 700 E. #100
Salt Lake City, UT 84107



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Fax

Date: 5/14/03

Number of pages (include cover): 5

Message To

Name: Chet Mills

Fax No: 435-722-2323

Firm: Uintah and Ouray Agency

Phone No: 435-722-4300

City: Fort Duchesne

State: UT

Re: Agency Meeting

Project: Central Utah Rail Project

Message From:

Name: Shanna Moosman

Fax No: 801-281-8693

CC: File, Rick Black

Phone No: 801-281-8892

Notes:

Chet,

Attached is the meeting invitation letter, some project information, and the project tour itinerary. You are invited to attend both the meeting on Wednesday, May 20, and the tour on Tuesday, May 20. Please let me know if you are interested and able to attend. If you have comments or questions regarding the project, please contact Rick Black at 281-8892. Thanks for you interest in the project.

Sincerely,

Shanna Moosman

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May 7, 2003

Wayne Norwall, Regional Director
Bureau of Indian Affairs
P.O. Box 10
Phoenix, AZ 85001

Re: Central Utah Rail - Agency Scoping Meeting

Mr. Norwall:

The purpose of this letter is to invite you to attend the upcoming agency scoping meeting for the Central Utah Rail project. If you are unable to attend this meeting, please appoint someone to represent your agency for this project. Please e-mail Rick Black (Rick.Black@hdrinc.com) and let us know whether you will be able to attend or whether you will be sending a representative in your place. Once your confirm your attendance, a meeting agenda will be sent via e-mail.

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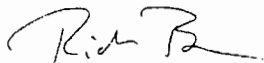
If you have any questions regarding the timing or location of the meeting, please contact Glen Greenalch at (435) 623-3400.

Any other questions or correspondences can be directed to:

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Thank you for your interest and participation in this project.

Sincerely,



Rick Black
HDR Engineering, Inc.

May 7, 2003

Chet Mills, Superintendent
Uintah & Ouray Agency
Bureau of Indian Affairs
P.O. Box 130
Fort Duchesne, UT 84026

Re: Central Utah Rail - Agency Scoping Meeting

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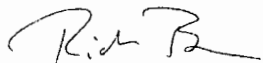
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Sincerely,



Rick Black
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May 7, 2003

Betsy Chapoose
Ute Indian Tribe
Cultural Rights and Protection Dept.
P.O. Box 190
Fort Duchesne, UT 84026

Re: Central Utah Rail - Agency Scoping Meeting

Ms. Chapoose:

The purpose of this letter is to invite you to attend the upcoming agency scoping meeting for the Central Utah Rail project. If you are unable to attend this meeting, please appoint someone to represent your agency for this project. Please e-mail Rick Black (Rick.Black@hdrinc.com) and let us know whether you will be able to attend or whether you will be sending a representative in your place. Once your confirm your attendance, a meeting agenda will be sent via e-mail.

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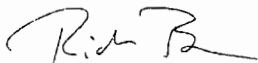
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Sincerely,



Rick Black
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May 7, 2003

Cyndi Charles
Koosharem Band, Southern Paiute Tribe
440 North Paiute Drive
Cedar City, UT 84720

Re: Central Utah Rail - Agency Scoping Meeting

Ms. Charles:

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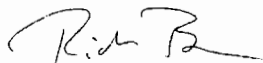
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Sincerely,



Rick Black
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May 7, 2003

Leigh Kuwanwisiwma
Hopi Cultural Preservation Office
P.O. Box 123
Kykotsmovi, AZ 86039-0123

Re: Central Utah Rail - Agency Scoping Meeting

Ms. Kuwanwisiwma:

The purpose of this letter is to invite you to attend the upcoming agency scoping meeting for the Central Utah Rail project. If you are unable to attend this meeting, please appoint someone to represent your agency for this project. Please e-mail Rick Black (Rick.Black@hdrinc.com) and let us know whether you will be able to attend or whether you will be sending a representative in your place. Once your confirm your attendance, a meeting agenda will be sent via e-mail.

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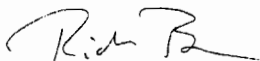
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Rick Black
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May 7, 2003

Phil Pikyavit
Kanosh Band, Southern Paiute Tribe
P.O. Box 101
Kanosh, UT 84637

Re: Central Utah Rail - Agency Scoping Meeting

Mr. Pikyavit:

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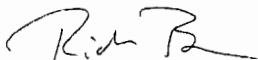
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Gail Rollo
Southern Paiute Tribe
440 North Paiute Drive
Cedar City, UT 84720

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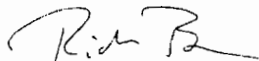
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Rick Black
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May 7, 2003

Lora Tom
Paiute Tribe of Utah
440 North Paiute Drive
Cedar City, UT 84720

Re: Central Utah Rail - Agency Scoping Meeting

Ms. Tom:

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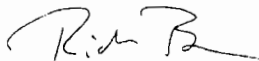
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Rick Black
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**Surface Transportation Board
Project Tour**

7:00 a.m.	Meet at Mickelson's Restaurant Breakfast, Introductions Maps, Itinerary	Nephi
7:45	Begin at northern point of rail project in Juab County Mills Exit Juab Siding Kennison Lane West Cedar Knoll Painted Rock State Park Narrows Fayette Dover Cemetery / Sanpete Gun Club Cowley Cutoff	
12:45	Gunnison Park - Lunch	
1:15	Resume Tour: Sevier River Crossing Farmers Freeway Rex Brown Dairy Redmond Minerals Washing Machine Gulch Redmond Knoll Gilbert Mickelson Intersection Mason Lane Hwy 50 Crossing Hwy 89 Crossing Termination Point	
4:15	Conclude Tour	
5:00	Travel to Mine Portal	
6:30	Dinner at Johnson Ranch	
8:30	Return to Nephi	

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
Washington, DC 20423

Section of Environmental Analysis

April 1, 2003

FIELD(Address1)

Re: Finance Docket No. 34075, Six County Association of Governments – Construction and Operation – Rail Line between Levan and Salina, Utah

FIELD(Salutation):

I am writing to let you know that the Surface Transportation Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) is initiating an environmental review under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of the project described below. I am also writing to ask your assistance in providing any information on potential environmental impacts, resources, or issues over which your agency has special expertise or jurisdiction concerning this proposal. SEA has not yet determined what level of environmental analysis is appropriate for this proposal. Before making that decision, we would like to have feedback from you and other Federal, state, and local agencies concerning any potential environmental impacts, both beneficial and adverse, that this proposal may generate. Please review the information below. I have also provided contact information below if you have questions or comments.

Description of the Project

On July 30, 2001, the Six County Association of Governments (SCAOG) comprising the Utah counties of Sevier, Juab, Sanpete, Millard, Piute, and Wayne applied to the Surface Transportation Board (Board) for authority to construct and operate a 43-mile line of new single-track rail line in Sanpete, Sevier, and Juab Counties, Utah.

The proposed rail line would begin at the connection with Union Pacific Railroad's (UP) mainline near Levan, Utah (see attached Figure 1). The connection at UP would be a wye between the Juab and Sharp Sidings. The alignment would go southward and east of Chicken Creek Reservoir, a man-made irrigation reservoir. The alignment would generally follow a path near an existing power transmission line that goes through the center of the Juab Plain, which consists of the valley between the South Hills to the west and the Skinner Peaks area to the east.

The proposed alignment then begins to run parallel with the eastern boundary of Yuba Reservoir (Sevier Bridge Reservoir), another man-made irrigation facility. The line continues east of the reservoir until it reaches the point at which reservoir narrows (Yuba Hills). At this point, the line continues south, west of Yuba Reservoir.

The alignment continues southward along the western side of the Sevier Valley near areas where the foothills intersect with irrigated farmlands. The alignment continues southward on the valley's western

side, passing on the west side of the town of Redmond. South of Redmond, the alignment bears east toward the center of the valley.

The proposed alignment crosses State Highway 50 west of Salina and continues south, crossing State Highway 118 (Old Highway 89) and the Sevier River. The alignment continues west of the hills south of the Salina industrial park and terminates in the Lost Creek area before Interstate 70.

According to SCAOG, the purpose of this project is to serve a number of industries, primarily the coal industry. Coal mines owned by the Southern Utah Fuel Company (SUFCO) are located 30 miles east of Salina. Due to an absence of rail access, these industries (including SUFCO) currently move all goods by truck. SCAOG believes that the proposed project would reduce the number of coal trucks using portions of five highways: I-70, SR 50, I-15, SR 28, and SR 10. Most segments of these roads currently carry 750 trucks per day, with 1,500 trucks passing through downtown Salina each day at a rate of about one truck per minute. SCAOG states that reducing the number of trucks on these roads would decrease roadway congestion; increase the quality of life through towns such as Salina, Centerfield, Gunnison, and Fayette; and reduce wear and tear on state roads and interstates.

SEA will evaluate the potential impacts of:

- The proposed rail line
- The no-build alternative
- Other reasonable and feasible alternatives that may be identified

The proposed right-of-way would have a width of approximately 100 feet. SCAOG anticipates operating an average of one to two trains per day. Most shipments would consist of coal from the SUFCO coal mines. In addition to coal shipments, SCAOG anticipates shipping smaller quantities of petroleum products, lumber products, nonmetallic minerals, wallboard, and plaster.

Preliminary Consultation Process

To assist us in conducting the environmental review required by NEPA, we are consulting with, and soliciting comments from, agencies and organizations that may have specific knowledge of potential environmental issues and impacts that may be associated with the proposed project.

Your comments would be most helpful to us if they focused on specific environmental issues or concerns pertaining to your jurisdiction. Issues and resource areas that may be important to this project include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Local, regional, and national transportation systems, including safety of freight operations, potential traffic delay, and highway/rail crossings
2. Local land use plans, including parks and refuges
3. Land ownership, including farmland segmentation
4. Air emissions and air quality impacts
5. Noise impacts, including impacts to wildlife resources
6. Historic, cultural, and archaeological resources
7. Native American populations, land, and cultures
8. Impacts to prime, unique, and important farmland

9. Biological resources, including threatened or endangered species and wildlife migration routes
10. Water resources, including water quality and wetlands
11. Impacts to “environmental justice communities” (low-income or minority populations)

Submitting Your Comments

Information on any additional issues or concerns that you consider appropriate would also be appreciated. We are seeking your assistance as expeditiously as possible. Therefore, we are requesting your comments by May 2, 2003. Please send your comments to:

Rick Black
HDR Engineering, Inc.
3995 South 700 East, Suite 100
Salt Lake City, UT 84107-2594
Attention: Finance Docket No. 34075 – Environmental Comments

SEA has retained HDR Engineering, Inc. (HDR) to assist SEA in preparing the environmental document for this proposal. We have assigned an environmental team member from HDR to provide any assistance you may need. The team member will contact you shortly to ensure your receipt of this letter and answer any questions you may have.

If you have any questions about the Board’s environmental review process, please contact Phillis Johnson-Ball, SEA’s Environmental Project Manager, at (202) 565-1530 (e-mail address: johnson-ballp@stb.dot.gov). If you have questions concerning agency coordination and responses, or need specific information about the proposed project, please contact Rick Black at (801) 281-8892.

We appreciate your assistance and look forward to working with you during the environmental review process for the proposed project.

Sincerely,



Victoria Rutson
Chief
Section of Environmental Analysis

Enclosure